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Applicant: Takeshi Yamamoto

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 20, 2002. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on December 20, 2002.

A substitute specification under §1.125(b) and a version with markings to show changes made are included with this amendment. No new matter has been added.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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